

The Great State of Missouri and the Capitol of Missouri, Jefferson City

From the Great Plains to the Ozark Mountains, there's so much to discover about Missouri's people and its landscape. Kansas City jazz-and-blues legends, old-time country fiddlers in the hollers, and famous Missourians such as Harry S Truman, Samuel Clemens, George Washington Carver, Jesse James, Daniel Boone, Laura Ingalls Wilder, George Caleb Bingham and Scott Joplin, all contribute to Missouri's rich history and culture. American Indian warriors and famous pioneers, such as Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, were drawn to the vast waterways of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers and the abundant land and wildlife. Today, the thriving city life found in Kansas City and St. Louis, the family-friendly cities peppered across the state, and the quiet beauty of limestone bluffs and the free-flowing Missouri River make Missouri a great place to live, vacation, and raise a family.

Missouri is recognized by businesses and vacationers alike as America's true heartland.

Perhaps one of Missouri's most visible man-made assets is the Missouri State Capitol Building located in Jefferson City, home of Missouri State Government. The view of the Capitol as seen at river level from his boat "Nikawa" was noted by author William Least-Heat Moon in his recent book River Horse:

"Then atop a long limestone bluff in Jefferson City, rose a veritable image of the United States Capitol, the Missouri statehouse, perhaps the most eminently situated one in America."

Located in Cole County, Jefferson City was established in 1825 solely as a location for state government. Steep in a rich history of state politics, steamboats, railroad and African American heritage, Jefferson City has become a landmark city in Missouri.

Jefferson City's central location and the hometown atmosphere enjoyed by its 40,000 plus residents make it an attractive choice to work and live. Year-round activities for all ages truly provide something for everyone.

Jefferson City is centrally located between four distinct areas of the state:

Columbia, only 30 minutes north of Jefferson City, boasts "college-town USA." In Columbia you will find the University of Missouri, home of the Tigers, comedy clubs, art galleries, and shopping malls.

Fulton, home of Westminster College and the Winston Churchill Memorial and Library. Westminster is the site of Sir Winston Churchill's 1946 Sinews of Peace (Iron Curtain) speech, and the Berlin wall "Breakthrough" sculpture.

Lake of the Ozarks, featuring 92 miles of main channel, this man-made lake offers a wide choice of water sports, including boating, fishing, skiing and swimming. Literally thousands of quiet coves dot the 1375 miles of scenic shoreline. The surrounding communities offer an extensive calendar of events in addition to a diverse selection of amusement centers, fine dining, nightly entertainment, retail and outlet shopping, along with sports, including more than a dozen golf courses.

Hermann, founded in the 1830's by German settlers and located less than 50 miles east of Jefferson City, Hermann celebrates its old world heritage today with many seasonal events. More than 100 buildings in the town are on the National Register of Historic Sites. Tours of local wineries and museums are available along with unique antique shops and German eateries.

